

84. The digital watermarking system of claim 79, wherein the digital watermark decoder comprises software embedded in hardware that is programmed to automatically search for any watermarks in any data that is stored within a memory of the hardware.

85. The digital watermarking system of claim 84, wherein the digital watermark decoder comprises a compact disk player that is programmed to automatically search for any watermarks that might be embedded into a compact disk.

86. The digital watermarking system of claim 84, wherein the digital watermark decoder comprises a virus scanner that automatically searches for any watermarks that might be embedded into the data being scanned for viruses.

REMARKS

This is a continuation application of U.S. patent application No. 08/674,726, filed July 2, 1996. In this continuation application, Applicant has bodily incorporated U.S. application Ser. No. 08/587,944, filed Jan. 17, 1996, (which since issued as U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,432). The 944 application was expressly incorporated by reference into U.S. patent application No. 08/674,726, (see application at page 1). Applicant has changed the title of this continuation application to better describe the invention and the claims. Applicant has canceled claims 2-15 of U.S. patent application No. 08/674,726 and has added new claims 17-86. Support for these new claims is found throughout the specification. This amendment is not believed to add any new matter to the application, as that term is defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.118. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment in its entirety.

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